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SUBJECT: SOVIET ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME

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1. WE AGREE WITH EMBASSY KABUL (REFTEL) THAT SOVIETS UNLIKELY TO CHAMPION AFGHAN CAUSE ON PASHTUNISTAN AS QUID PRO QUO FOR AFGHAN ENDORSEMENT OF ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SCHEME. UNLESS PAK-AFGHAN CONFLICT HAPPENED TO SERVE SOME PRESSING SOVIET NEED IN GLOBAL OR GREATER ASIAN FRAMEWORK, WE BELIEVE SOVIETS WOULD ACT IN KEEN AWARENESS OF INCONSISTENCY OF SUCH A CONFLICT WITH AVOWED OBJECTIVES OF STABILITY IN A COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM.

2. WE ARE NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE CONTEXT OF DEPFONMIN ABDULLAH'S ALLUSION TO UNRESOLVED BORDER QUESTIONS, BUT IT OCCURS TO US THAT HE MAY HAVE HAD SINO-SOVIET BORDER
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IN MIND AS WELL AS PAK-AFGHAN DISPUTE. HE WOULD NOT BE

THE FIRST ASIAN OFFICIAL TO SUGGEST TO SOVIES THAT THEY
PUT THEIR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER BEFORE STRUCTURING OTHER
ASIAN STATES' SECURITY.
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